



Okanogan Conservation District

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September 11, 2006

Lynn Brown, Chair
Washington State Conservation Commission
PO Box 47721
Olympia, WA 98504-7721

Re: Request for approval of Town of Twisp de-annexation from the Okanogan CD.

Commissioner Brown,

Please find attached two resolutions regarding the requested de-annexation of the Town of Twisp from the Okanogan Conservation District. The Twisp Town Council does not feel the District's services are needed in their community and as such have approved the resolution requesting their de-annexation from our boundaries. During a meeting I attended with them on this matter they agreed that the service we provide to landowners and resources outside of their town is very important. However, they did not believe we could provide them with a service they couldn't provide to themselves. Furthermore, they do not wish to have a special property assessment levied on their community members, should our proposed assessment be authorized.

The Okanogan Conservation District disagrees with their reasons for de-annexing because we feel there are services we do offer their residents as well as the neighboring community that directly benefits the town's residents. Furthermore, one of our appointed supervisors lives in the incorporated limits of Twisp and we feel it will be a loss to our overall program should we lose his presence as a voting supervisor. However, we do not feel it is prudent to object to their request at this time. Therefore, you will find with the second attachment a resolution of the Okanogan Conservation District Board of Supervisors approving the petition for de-annexation.

Please process this request as soon as reasonably possible so we may move on with our program.

Sincerely,

Craig T. Nelson
District Manager



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Resolution 2006-05

De-annexation of the Town of Twisp from the Okanogan Conservation District

WHEREAS, the Okanogan Conservation District is a governmental subdivision of the State of Washington and organized under RCW 89.08 to protect and conserve natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 89.08.185 RCW, any city or incorporated town that is wholly or in-part included in a conservation district's boundaries may approve a petition to withdraw from the district; and,

WHEREAS, the council of the Town of Twisp passed resolution 06-388 to remove all lands within their incorporated boundaries from the Okanogan Conservation District during their regularly schedule meeting on July 25, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the Okanogan Conservation District Board of Supervisors acknowledges said motion as a petition under Chapter 89.08.185 RCW.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Okanogan Conservation District that the request for de-annexation by the Town of Twisp is hereby approved and the boundaries of the Okanogan Conservation District be adjusted accordingly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Okanogan Conservation District, State of Washington on this 7th day of September, 2006.

Signed:


Ivan Oberg, Chair

RESOLUTION 06-388**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM OKANOGAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 89.08, the Town of Twisp had previously resolved to be included in the Okanogan County Conservation District; and,

WHEREAS, the Town now finds that the current operations of the District are not materially beneficial to the citizens of the Town of Twisp; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 89.08.185 allows the local governing body of the Town to petition to withdraw from the district,


Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the TOWN OF TWISP that the Petition herein be forwarded to the Okanogan County Conservation District requesting permission to withdraw from the District.

PETITION OF TOWN OF TWISP


The Town Council of the Town of Twisp hereby petitions the Okanogan County Conservation District and the Washington State Conservation Commission to approve the withdrawal of the incorporated Town of Twisp from the Okanogan County Conservation District. Said withdrawal to be effective on or before December 31st, 2006.

Adopted this 25th day of July, 2006

Approved:


Vern Nations, Mayor

Attest:


Colleen Storms, Clerk-Treasurer